



TRYOUT & TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

1. Objective

- a. To provide a fair and impartial assessment of each player's total hockey skills during tryout sessions.
- b. To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team that is appropriate for their skill and development level for the current season.
- c. To form teams to maintain competitive play where the players can develop their skills and have fun playing hockey.
- d. To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of the players skills, abilities and attitude.

2. Tryout & Team Selection Committee

- a. The Selection Committee will consist of the Division Coordinator, Player/Coach Development Coordinator, President, Vice President - Operations, Vice President - Discipline & Risk Management, Goalie Evaluator and the Head Coach of Team 1
 - i. Players will check in in the front lobby of the arena with the Division Coordinator and receive their tryout jersey with number and dressing room assignment. Players must ensure all tryout jerseys are returned at the end of each session.
 - ii. The Selection Committee will stay separated from any other observers and parents and will not share any results or comments with any player, parent, or other observer. Any family relation to any player(s) shall be disclosed prior to the start of the try out process.
 - iii. All Selection Committee members will attend a discussion in the WMHA office after each tryout session.
 - iv. The Division Coordinator will be responsible for finding on ice coaches/helpers to run each session
 - v. All on ice coaches/helpers are required to wear a CSA approved helmet.
 - vi. On ice coaches/helpers will ensure a proper warm up at the beginning of each ice session.
 - vii. On ice coaches/helpers will not share any of their personal insight with players, parents or other observers during the tryout process



3. Team Selections

- a. The selections for each team will be determined by the Head Coach with input from the Selection Committee.
- b. The Selection Committee will first choose the highest level team (for tiered U11 to U18 teams) and proceed down from this point.
- c. If the Coach's son or daughter is one of the last few players to be selected for the team, the Selection Committee may be required to complete this process prior to the Head Coach making any final decisions. Because the Head Coach is part of the Selection Committee, he/she will be asked to leave the room when the decision is made pertaining to their son or daughter. The Selection Committee will establish this player's ability to make the team and shall be fair and impartial during the process.
- d. Please note that because some of our players are trying out elsewhere the teams may not be finalized until players have come back and have had a minimum of one ice session. Spots may need to be reserved for players making it to late cuts at higher levels elsewhere (AAA or AA).

4. Division Notes

- a. U18, U15, and U13:
 - i. Teams are tiered at this level.
 - ii. Players will try out by position (forward or defense).
 - iii. There will be a total of 3 skates consisting of a warm-up portion along with a scrimmage session.
 - iv. There will be no cuts until the 3rd and final skate of player tryouts.
 - v. Once the top team is selected, those players who were not chosen for that team will join with the remainder of the players for the next tiered team's tryouts and so on, if applicable.
 - vi. Please note that because some of our players are trying out elsewhere the teams may not be finalized until players have come back and have had a minimum of one ice session. Spots may need to be reserved for players making it to late cuts at higher levels elsewhere (AA or AAA)
- b. U11:
 - i. U11 players will be offered 3 no-mandatory pre-skates prior to tryouts as per Hockey Alberta
 - ii. Teams are tiered at this level.



- iii. There will be a total of 3 tryout skates consisting of a warm-up portion along with a scrimmage session.
 - iv. There will be no cuts until the 3rd and final skate of player tryouts.
 - v. Once the top team is selected, those players who were not chosen for that team will join with the remainder of the players for the next tiered team's tryouts and so on, if applicable.
- c. U9 & U7:
- i. Hockey Canada mandated that U9 & U7 be categorized as "Intro to Hockey".
 - ii. Players will attend 3 ID Skates, in each division accordingly, and separated into teams that are fair and equal.
 - iii. A draft involving the head coaches will be carried out under the guidance of each respective Division Coordinator and the Head Coaches of each team.
 - iv. Once team selection is completed, the teams will play each other in an in-house league.
- d. Goalies:
- i. Goalies from the U11 age group and up will try out along with the other players.
 - ii. The Goalie Evaluator will share his or her findings with the other members of the Selection Committee.
 - iii. The Head Coach will have final selection of goalies with input from the rest of the Selection Committee.
- e. Team Selections are final and will not be subject to appeal.

5. Questions and Concerns

- a. All questions and concerns will be directed, in writing, to the Vice President - Operations and Player/Coach Development Coordinator.